



# Maricopa County Board of Supervisors

News Release

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## **Maricopa County Supervisor Max Wilson and other Dignitaries Dedicate Solar Thermal Energy Saving Technology at Lake Pleasant**

### **Debut Public Event Scheduled Saturday, April 22nd**

Maricopa County Supervisor Max Wilson, Congressman J.D. Hayworth, Corporation Commissioner Kris Mayes and Peoria Vice-Mayor Bob Barrett spoke at the dedication of the state's first solar thermal heating, ventilation and cooling system (HVAC) at the Desert Outdoor Center at Lake Pleasant on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

The project is a result of the collaborative efforts of Maricopa County, APS and S.O.L.I.D. USA.

The system is the first of its kind in Arizona and only one of a handful in the country. The state-of-the-art solar thermal system will run both the heating and cooling systems for the county's education facility and reduce overall electrical consumption by more than 25%.

The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors approved the installation of this system at Lake Pleasant, one of ten Maricopa County Parks, in January. Supervisor Max Wilson, District 4, says, "Today's high gas prices indicate we must push to seek renewable energy sources. I am proud the county is a leader in implementing solar energy technology that will save taxpayers' funds as well as conserve energy and protect the environment."

On 22 April at 3:00 p.m. the Desert Outdoor Center at Lake Pleasant will be open to the public to showcase this solar technology. Tony and Carol LaConte of "Star Gazing for Everyone" will use an H-Alpha sun-viewing telescope with special filters to give visitors an up-close view of the sun, including the explosive activity on its surface.

